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SUBJECT: CIVIL AVIATION - U.S. CARRIERS' FINAL WINTER

SCHEDULES FILINGS

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOVEMBER 27, 1972 MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATION, THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO FILE FINAL PAA AND TWA WINTER SCHEDULES BY AUGUST 29. AIRLINE REPRESENTATIVES IN SPAIN WILL PROVIDE COPIES OF THE SCHEDULES.

2. FYI: (A) PAA'S FINAL WINTER SCHEDULES ARE IDENTICAL TO PRELIMINARY WINTER SCHEDULES.

(B) TWA FINAL WINTER SCHEDULES CONTAIN ONE CHANGE FROM PRELIMINARY SCHEDULES; IN THE PERIODS NOVEMBER 1 TO JANUARY 6 AND MARCH 15 TO APRIL 1 A 747 WILL BE SUBSTITUTED FOR A 707 ON THE NEW YORK-LISBON-MADRID SEGMENT OF A FLIGHT WHICH CHANGES TO A 707 BEYOND MADRID TO ROME, ATHENS, AND CAIRO. A 707 WILL, HOWEVER, BE OPERATED IN THE PERIOD JANUARY 7-MARCH 14. RATIONALE FOR SUBSTITUTION OF 747 IS
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THAT GROWTH RATES IN IBERIAN PENINSULA ARE HIGHER THAN IN

REMAINDER OF EUROPE AND "SHOULDER" PERIOD BETWEEN SEASONS IS LONGER. AS RESULT USE OF 747, TWA'S MULTISTOP CAPACITY INCREASE BETWEEN US AND SPAIN WILL BE 132 PERCENT FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER AND LATTER HALF OF MARCH, WHILE OVERALL INCREASE THESE PERIODS WILL BE 55 PERCENT OVER SAME PERIODS

IN 1972/73.

(C) FOR BOTH CARRIERS, COMBINED NONSTOP CAPACITY INCREASE FOR FIVE-MONTH PERIOD REMAINS AT 14 PERCENT, DUE SOLELY TO CONFIGURATION CHANGE ON TWA 747 OPERATING NEW YORK-MADRID. HOWEVER, AS RESULT TWA USE OF 747 NOVEMBER-DECEMBER AND IN LATE MARCH, MULTISTOP INCREASE FOR FIVE-MONTH PERIOD IS 63 PERCENT OVER 1972/73 LEVEL AND OVERALL INCREASE IS 40 PERCENT. RUSH

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